

first priority is to alter the last word of the second line of the "L" paragraph under *P. finitimella* from "less" to "more", and the second to amend the timing of the stages of *P. torquillella*.

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PAPILIO MACHAON L. (SWALLOWTAIL) FLOURISHING IN A N. NORFOLK LOCALITY, 1981. — The present year having been a poorer one for butterflies (at least in my district, S. E. London) than I have experienced for very long, it is some small consolation to be able to report that one of our threatened species, *P. machaon*, was quite common in a small area of a privately-owned fen in North Norfolk. On a very warm afternoon, 22 June, these splendid creatures — apparently at the height of their season, being in mint condition — were disporting themselves in the open flowery fen, often swooping and perching on various blossoms (mostly purple composites), their wings maintained in tremulous motion whilst feeding in the manner peculiar to their kind, and presenting an unforgettable spectacle. It was possible to have 6, if not 7, in view at a time, their territory seeming to be concentrated by the apparent restriction of the foodplant, hogs' fennel, to one spot in that part of the fen which we visited. The butterflies were not shy; in fact, one seemed bent upon trying to enter my net as I was stalking a fly, and had to be 'shooed' away! We learnt from the landowner that, so far as he knew, *machaon* has never been 'put down' there, but had been present from early times. — A. A. ALLEN.